

C. Amendment to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 16 and 17 as follows.

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising a pair of substrates provided, respectively, with electrodes and a liquid crystal composition containing at least a polymeric compound and a liquid crystal compound arranged between the substrates in a state of phase separation,

wherein the polymeric compound has at least two monomer unit structures, each of the monomer unit structures being expressed by general formula (2):



where A' is a polyacryl or polymethacryl monomer unit;

B is a single bond or an alkyl group;

D is a single bond,  $-O-$ ,  $-COO-$  or  $-OCO-$ ;

E is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic or aliphatic ring, wherein each E may be the same or different when e is at least 2;

G is a single bond,  $-O-$ ,  $-COO-$ ,  $-OCO-$ ,  $-CH=CH-$  or  $-C\equiv C-$ , wherein each G may be the same or different when e is at least 2;

J is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic or aliphatic ring, wherein each J may be the same or different when j is at least 2;

K is a single bond,  $-O-$ ,  $-COO-$  or  $-OCO-$ ;

L is an alkyl group or a polyoxyalkylene group having a substituted OH or COOH at an end or a side chain;

e and j are, independently, an integer from 0 to 5, such that  $e+j \geq 2$ , and

wherein the liquid crystal compound changes its direction of orientation when a voltage is applied between the electrodes and substantially maintains the direction of orientation after suspending the voltage application.

17. (New) A liquid crystal device according to claim 16, wherein the liquid crystal compound is a low molecular weight nematic liquid crystal.